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SUBJECT: FURTHER ROMANIAN REACTION TO BRANDT RESIGNATION

REF: BUCHAREST 1990

1. ROMANIAN DISGRUNTLEMENT OVER EAST GERMAN ROLE
IN BRANDT AFFAIR (REFTEL) HAS BECOME MORE EXPLICIT
HERE. FRG EMBASSY OFFICERS HAVE RECEIVED THREE
SEPARATE TELEPHONE CALLS FROM DIFFERENT AGERPRES
OFFICIALS CALLING ATTENTION TO MAY 9 SCINTEIA
EDITORIAL'S EXPRESSION OF REGRET OVER CIRCUMSTANCES
SURROUNDING RESIGNATION AND STATING : "WHAT WE MEAN
IS, WE STRONGLY CONDEMN THE SYSTEM THAT SENT THE
SPY GUILLAUME TO WEST GERMANY" (PRESUMABLY REFERRING
EITHER TO EAST GERMAN ESPIONAGE APPARATUS OR GDR
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REGIME'S JUDGEMENT, OR BOTH). AGERPRES TOOK UN-

USUAL STEP OF RUNNING ENTIRE SCINTEIA EDITORIAL
AS NUMBER ONE ITEM IN ITS ENGLISH-LANGUAGE SUMMARY
MAY 10.

2. EARLY ROMANIAN APPREHENSIVENESS OVER EVENTS WAS
EXPRESSED TO FRG EMBOFF BY DEPUTY FONMIN GLIGA
WHO, SOON AFTER RESIGNATION, SOUNDED NOTE OF SATIS-
FACTION WHEN HE WAS ASSURED THAT NO NEW FRG ELECTION
WAS IN CARDS AND THAT NO SUBSTANTIAL OVERHAUL OF
OSTPOLITIK WAS UNDERWAY.

3. NUMEROUS REFERENCES TO "GUILLAUME SPY AFFAIR"
ARE SPRINKLED THROUGH EXTENSIVE THREE-PAGE SPREAD
IN MAY 16 ISSUE OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WEEKLY LUMEA.
REFERENCE TO ANY WESTERN ANTI-DETENTE MACHINATIONS
IS COMPLETELY OMITTED AS CAUSAL FACTOR. FURTHER
SIGNALLING EAST GERMAN INVOLVEMENT IS PARAGRAPH ON
CANCELLATION OF MEETING BETWEEN FRG AND GDR PERM-
REPS AS RESULT OF SITUATION, AND SELECTED PARAGRAPH
FROM HONECKER DECLARATION OF MAY 12 EMPHASIZING
CONTINUITY OF "CONSTRUCTIVE EAST GERMAN POLICIES."
PRAISE FOR BRANDT IS MIXED WITH MODERATELY HOPEFUL
QUOTES FROM WESTERN EUROPEAN QUARTERS ON PROGNOSIS
FOR SCHMIDT'S CONTINUING DETENTE LINE OF PREDECESSOR.
LUMEA HAS ALSO BEGUN SYMPATHETIC SERIAL ON BRANDT'S
LIFE BEGINNING WITH HIS "YEARS OF EXILE" UNDER NAZIS.

4. IMPACT OF EVEN LIMITED ROMANIAN PRESS REFERENCES
TO GDR RESPONSIBILITY IN BRANDT'S DOWNFALL IS INDICATED
BY CURIOSITY IN QUESTIONS PUT TO US BY SOME MIDDLE-
LEVEL GDR OFFICIALS NOT DIRECTLY CONNECTED WITH FOREIGN
AFFAIRS.
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